

## Message Text

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CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 7224

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PINR CH

SUBJ: CHOU EN-LAI OUT OF HOSPITAL

REF: HONG KONG 7111

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR, NCNA HAS REPORTED A MEETING  
BETWEEN PRIMER CHOU EN-LAI AND A VISITOR AND NOT DESCRIBED  
THE MEETING AS TAKING PLACE "IN HOSPITAL" (NCNA JUNE 26).  
AS WE HAVE COMMENTED BEFORE CHOU'S HEALTH IS MEDICAL FACT,  
BUT CALLING ATTENTION TO HIS BEING "IN HOSPITAL" IS A POLITICAL  
ACT. TIME WILL TELL WHETHER THIS SIGN OF CHANGE PRESAGES HIS  
RETURN TO GREATER PUBLIC ACTIVITY, BUT IT COMES AT A TIME  
WHEN MAO'S IMAGE MAY BE FURTHER RECEDING(REFTEL). IF  
THESE ARE SIGNALS, AND INTERRELATED, THEY COULD IMPLY  
EFFORTS TO ADJUST THE REGIME'S IMAGE OF CONTINUITY AND  
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VIGOR AT THE TOP IN THE WAKE OF MAO'S INCREASING OBVIOUS  
FRAILITY. HOPEFULLY THE VISITS NOW AT HAND OF GABONESE

PRESIDENT BONGO AND THAI PREMIER KHUKRIT WILL PROVIDE SOME  
CLARIFICATION OF THE STATUS OF THE TOP TWO CHINESE LEADERS.  
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